

FEDERAL PROPEL OF TERRIBLE TRAGEDY TO START AT ONCE; 108 DEAD IS TOLL OF CAPITOL'S AWFUL THEATRE COLLAPSE

HARDING ADVISES POSTPONEMENT OF OHIO BANQUET

Washington, Jan. 30.—At the suggestion of President Harding the annual banquet and reception of the Ohio Society scheduled to take place tonight, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the Knickerbocker disaster. President and Mrs. Harding were to be the guests of honor and more than 400 persons had planned to attend the affair.

In a letter to Milton E. Alles, chairman of the committee, President Harding said:

"While I have looked forward with most agreeable anticipation to the reception to be given tonight by the Ohio Society, which we were to meet and happily recall the memory of the late President McKinley, I cannot but feel that we would best answer all our inclinations if the reception were postponed. There is so much of grief in Washington today, so much of sorrow attending the Knickerbocker theatre disaster, that I should prefer to omit a social affair while Washington is suffering from the great shock. It is especially becoming, as you have suggested, to have the Ohio Society take note of its own particular share in the great sorrow, and the cancellation will be a befitting expression of the grief which has come through accident and death to members and valued friends of the society."

"Warren G. Harding."

McNab Takes Up Pickford Case—Fatty's Case Rests

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—While Gavin McNab, chief counsel for Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, put on his legal armor in Nevada today in behalf of another famous movie star—Mary Pickford—thus halting the Arbuckle trial, harassed bailiffs endeavored to find means of diversion for twelve men and two women, the jury and alternates in the comedian's case, who have now been locked up three weeks.

Their task was made more difficult by the stern admonition of Judge Louderback that they must not under any circumstances discuss either among themselves or with any one else the matter which for three weeks has occupied their attention six hours a day. Many of the jurors are prominent business men and their long term for their affairs has not served to make them patient under the long delay in completing the case.

Ford's Proposal Goes To Congress During The Week

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary of War Weeks announced today that the contract covering Henry Ford's offer for the government water power project and nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals, Ala., probably will not be transmitted to Congress until Wednesday or Thursday. It had been planned to submit the document to the House and Senate today.

Weeks explained the delay was caused by his desire to discuss his recommendations on the Ford offer with President Harding, Secretary of Commerce Hoover and other officials before turning the contract over for congressional action.

\$3,000 Loss In Fire At Y. M. H. A.

FIRST DEATH RECORDED FROM WOOD ALCOHOL

The first death from wood alcohol in this city is recorded with the death of a man believed to be Stephen Nietor, whose last known address was 450 Broad St. in 1916, according to members of the Bureau of Investigation.

Nietor died in Hillside Home Sunday afternoon after being unconscious from Wednesday night when he was picked up in the railroad station.

When removed to Hillside Home by Dr. A. B. Margulis in the emergency ambulance the case was diagnosed as wood alcohol poisoning. The condition of the man became rapidly worse and efforts were made to locate his people or friends in order to save him from a pauper's grave. The last place that he worked according to police authorities was the Bullard Machine company. When removed to Hillside no identification cards of any kind were found on his person.

Emerson Lovegrove Died This Morning

Emerson Lovegrove, for 30 years grey iron foundry foreman at the Eastern Malleable Iron Company on South avenue, died early this morning at his home in the Lafayette apartments.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Stratfield Encampment, I. O. O. F. The deceased is survived by his wife, one daughter, Ida, wife of Fred Daniels. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Conclave Will Hasten Choice Of The New Pope

Sittings Of The Sacred College Will Commence Thursday When The Roman Catholic Cardinals Meet To Elect New Head Of The Church.

Rome, Jan. 30.—(By the A. P.)—Preparations were begun in earnest today for the convening on Thursday of the solemn conclave at which the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church will choose a Pope to succeed Benedict XV. The last minute ceremonies will be preceded by three solemn requiem masses, beginning this morning, in which the cardinals will participate.

The beautiful and historic Sistine Chapel in which the conclave will meet has already been fitted with the long stalls in which the cardinals will sit while the balloting proceeds. Minute instructions have been given out for the performance of the ceremonies, and the dress and deportment of those participating in them. It has been prescribed that all presiding cardinals will wear black vestments. All those who will remain within the Vatican when the doors are bolted at the beginning of the election have been summoned to meet in the Sala Regia, adjacent to the Sistine Chapel, on Thursday to receive the oath of secrecy for the duration of the sittings and the Sacred College has appointed a commission to examine the credentials of all the members, attaches and secretaries. This commission is also charged with selecting guards for the conclave, and the appointment of barbers, plumbers, plasterers, carpenters and such other workmen and attendants as may be by chance needed before the doors are again opened to the world.

Devices have been installed at the entrance of the courtyard of St. Damaso so that any articles needed may be set aside, but their operation must be in the presence of two witnesses. These devices are in the form of cylinders placed vertically. Opening one of the vertical sections the object may be placed within and transferred to those in the courtyard by revolving the cylinder until the opening is on the inside.

This method of communication will only be allowed between 9 and 11 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m. Any communication, whether of word or object, must be in the presence of the two witnesses. No reference to these communications must be made to members of the conclave and any violation of the rule of secrecy is subject to excommunication.

Charging that her husband had been habitually intemperate and alleging intolerable cruelty Violet Brisee, of 419 E. Main street, filed for divorce in the Superior court asking a divorce and a change to her maiden name, from Herbert Brisee of Danbury. The couple were married February 19, 1918. Mrs. Brisee's maiden name was Violet Dibble.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Charles Koek of 553 Crescent avenue in connection with a break at Hyman Cohen's meat market had his case continued until Thursday under \$500 bonds while the police are investigating.

Edward Weaver of 206 Beardsley street and Edward Brodley of 18 Stratford avenue, who were forced in the rear of men's furnishing store at 1337 Stratford avenue, owned by Isadore Schlein, had their cases continued until tomorrow.

Joseph Hardy of 659 Park street, driver for the Adams-Roth Baking Co., who was in court this morning, charged with speeding, had his case nolle.

Louis Emmer of 112 Bishop avenue, who was found guilty of violating the state liquor laws, was fined \$200 and costs and received a suspended jail sentence of 10 days in the city court.

Walter Markinsky of 231 Hancock avenue, arrested on two charges of intoxication and theft, had his case continued until tomorrow.

Henry Schipel, Rural Free Delivery No. 4, of Nichols, who was arrested Saturday charged with using other dealers' milk bottles in his business, was fined 25 cents for each bottle and the costs of the court this morning the total charges coming to \$20.22.

RETIRED NAVY OFFICER CUTS THROAT WITH RAZOR.

New York, Jan. 30.—Francis Morgan Barber, 75, retired navy captain, committed suicide today at the University club by slashing his throat with a razor. His body was found in a basement wash room.

Grief over the death of Baron Rosen, a close friend, who died recently after being hit by a taxicab, is believed to have prompted the act.

Captain Barber was born in Ohio in 1855. He was naval attaché in Japan and China.

DAUGHTER OF ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE MARRIED TO YOUNG FRENCHMAN



Jacqueline Lebandy, sixteen-year-old daughter of the late Jacques Lebandy, self-styled "Emperor of the Sahara," was married in France to Roger Sudreau, son of Henri Sudreau, head of a large French private detective agency. Jacqueline while with her mother on a business trip to Paris, to settle the Lebandy estate, met young Sudreau.

Prominent Hungarian A Suicide; Was Trusted Employee of Banking Co.

Leaving a note, setting forth his reasons for suicide and directing his funeral arrangements, Ernst Szlabozky, 45 years old, of 841 Hancock avenue, shot himself through the heart at ten o'clock this morning. He died instantly. He was one of the best known Hungarian residents of the city, and a trusted employee of the Title and Guaranty Trust Company on State St.

Szlabozky had been residing with his wife and two children at 841 Hancock avenue, a Hungarian Reformed Church, at the corner of Hancock avenue and State street. Referring to his friend from unpleasant consequences of a suicide in his home, Szlabozky went to the home of Ivan Belanyenyi, a neighbor, of 419 Hancock avenue, and although he was advised on many occasions to have an operation performed he kept putting it off on the plea that he did not have the courage. It is also believed that a letter received from his sister in Hungary who is his only living relative helped to hasten his untimely end. The letter told of his mother and father dying and also of his uncle being confined to a sanatorium beside the burning ruins of the home of his sister. It is thought that these troubles combined with his own caused him to commit the deed.

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British Evacuation Proceeding Speedily

Irish People Make No Manifestation Of Joy Or Regret As Troops Leave For England — Many Detachments Cross Border To Ulster.

Dublin, Jan. 30.—(By the A. P.)—British evacuation of Ireland is proceeding more speedily than was anticipated.

Each day sees a large batch of troops leave Dublin and other ports. Departure of the Dublin garrison is due to begin this week and newspapers are speculating as to how the vacated barracks will be used. It is suggested they may be employed to relieve the housing shortage. Five large barracks will be available in Dublin and it is argued that at a comparatively small expenditure they may be converted into workmen's dwellings.

Throughout Ireland similar buildings are falling under control of the new Irish government and some may be needed for the new Irish army, although nothing has yet been decided in regard to the size of that body. It is taken for granted that it will be established promptly and green uniforms are being manufactured in Dublin on a large scale.

It is noteworthy that the evacuation of the British has occurred everywhere without manifestation

Capitol Like A Battle Torn City

Police And Soldiers On Duty At Scene Of Wreckage — Nearby Church Filled With Dead And Mutilated Bodies — Four Investigations To Be Made.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Exhausted from the 36 hours of unremitting toil, and heartsick from the horrible tragedies uncovered in the wreckage of the Knickerbocker Theatre collapse, begrimed soldiers and marines dropped their tools at eight o'clock this morning and declared that all the bodies had been recovered from the pile of twisted iron and cement that once was the Capital's finest movie palace.

The death list as the sun came up over the desolate scene stood at 108. All identified there are more than 150 in Washington hospitals, some of these so terribly mutilated that hospital authorities say they cannot survive. They predicted the death list will grow before nightfall from those who will die in hospitals.

Four separate investigations to determine the causes and to fix responsibility for the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theatre Saturday night were getting under way today. They were:

1. An investigation ordered by the commissioners of the District of Columbia.
2. Federal Grand Jury inquiry to be directed by the United States attorney for the district.
3. An investigation by a coroner's jury.
4. An investigation by a committee under a resolution to be offered by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas.

Some of those in hospitals have legs and arms torn off, others chests crushed or terrible head injuries, from the enormous weights of concrete and steel that came hurtling down on them from the weight weakened roof without an instant's warning.

Edward Shansky, second assistant postmaster general, is one of those so seriously injured it is feared he may die. He has a broken pelvis and internal injuries and blood transfusion already has been resorted to in an effort to save his life.

Dr. Clyde A. Gresham, a widely known Capitol dental specialist, suffered legs so badly crushed, that it was said at his hospital that they may have to be amputated. His wife and nine year old son were lost in the tragedy. A great steel beam fell across the family, killing the woman and the boy, and pinning the father, who sat beside them. For more than 12 hours he was conscious underneath the wreckage with the knowledge that his wife and son lay alongside him dead.

Mrs. Howard Kneisel, wife of the victim, owned a large automobile firm in the district and was torn off in a terrible manner. Her husband was killed beside her.

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NO REPORTS FROM TANKER ARETHUSA

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Navy Department was without reports this morning from the oil tanker Arethusa which is drifting off Frying Pan Shoals, with a crew of about 60 men aboard. After her propeller was lost the Arethusa was tied at the shoals until later yesterday when she drifted away, drifting eastward at the rate of about four miles an hour.

Two tugs are standing by the helpless tanker, but officials at the Navy Department express the belief that a rough sea prevented them from getting near enough to the drifting vessel so that she could be towed into shore.

CORONER PHELAN HOLDS INQUEST

Coroner John J. Phelan is in Westport today holding an inquest over the death of Paul G. Lenick, who died in the Norwalk hospital January 27 from injuries received when a wagon in which he and his wife were riding overturned. The wagon was proceeding south in North Main street when it is said that an auto proceeding north frightened the horse so that it pulled the wagon upon a pile of dirt used by the Connecticut company in construction work, forcing it to overturn. Lenick and his wife were thrown from the wagon, receiving serious injuries. Lenick was removed to the Norwalk hospital where he died.

FILES SUIT FOR DAMAGES OF \$750

Charging that Luigi Mola and Lawrence Mola, also known as Anastasia, conspired to defraud her of money due her on a note, Lucia Campitello has filed a suit with the clerk of the Common pleas court asking \$750 damages. All parties concerned are from Norwalk.

She had been requested by Mola to write her name on a paper and that soon afterward she was notified of the non-payment of a note and that she was forced to pay \$650 and protest fees to the bank. She alleges that her name was forged by persons unknown to her and accounted for the benefit of Mola known as Anastasia.

When a levy was about to be put on machinery in a garage owned by Mola, Luigi Mola and others removed it and conspired to defraud her of her money, according to the charge of Mrs. Campitello.

MASH FOR PIGS HAS MANY USES

The next thing you know Mr. Volstead will be around charging butchers with endeavoring to violate the "blue" laws. The reason for this surprise is that the local prohibition agents have discovered a man who had a large amount of the usual mash in his possession, but who declares it is a preparation he makes to feed to his pigs. "This little pig went to market."

However, the Federal agents stationed in this district thought different and apprehended Charles Osh, 514 Sylvan avenue, Saturday afternoon. Five quart of product, affectionately known as hooch, was also apprehended, and the mash given the air. The hearing has been set for 10 a. m., Saturday before United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery.